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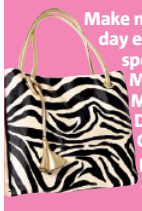

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Whale of a visit

'Bit of a wrong turn' brings grey mammal into False Creek

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Hundreds of people gathered along False Creek yesterday — cellphone cameras at the ready — searching for an elusive grey whale that flirted among the water taxis and kayaks in the busy urban waterway.

The unexpected tourist was first spotted at 11 a.m. by a jogger on the Stanley Park seawall near Siwash Rock and entered False Creek shortly thereafter.

It made its way up the small inlet to Science World and circled about, surfacing occasionally with a great spray of mist.

Caitlin Birdsall, a research assistant with the B.C. Cetacean Sighting Network, said it's likely the large whale made a "bit of a wrong turn" in its northward migration from Baja to the Bering Sea.

"It's pretty rare to see cetaceans in False Creek," Birdsall said. "But we do get dolphins, whales and porpoises that do come into English Bay."

She said grey whale "pit stops" are not uncommon in places like Boundary Bay.

Julia Marchesi, a deckhand on an Aquabus taxi, said one of the company's operators first spotted the whale around 11:40 a.m., just off Granville Island.

A Coast Guard fast rescue craft and a Vancouver police zodiac kept whale watchers in other boats at a distance.

By 3 p.m. the whale was out past Vanier Park and headed for open waters.

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A grey whale surfaces just west of the Cambie Bridge in False Creek yesterday afternoon near a Vancouver police boat.

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Blackhawks take 2-1 lead in series

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Linesman Jay Sharrers, centre, separates Vancouver Canucks' Henrik Sedin and Chicago Blackhawks' Dustin Byfuglien in the third period of last night's Game 3 at GM Place. The big Blackhawks forward scored a hat trick. Coverage, page 18.

Heed steps down amid 'bizarre process'

RESIGNATION B.C. Solicitor General Kash Heed has resigned his cabinet post again, just a day after being reinstated.

The former West Vancouver police chief and star Liberal recruit first stepped down last month after revealing there was an investigation into allegations related to his campaign in last May's provincial election. Mail-outs sent to voters in his riding claimed the NDP planned to legalize heroin and would consider bringing in an inheritance tax.

On Monday, the Criminal Justice Branch announced charges against three men involved with Heed's election campaign, but said the former police chief was not involved and didn't know about the alleged misconduct.

On Tuesday, Premier Gordon Campbell announced Heed was back in cabinet, but within hours the special prosecutor who cleared him of wrongdoing resigned, citing revelations that his law firm had contributed $1,000 to Heed's campaign.

Heed originally said he was staying put because he'd been fully exonerated.

Now he's informed the premier he will step down again, anticipating that another special prosecutor will be appointed who can confirm the findings of the first, who cleared him of wrongdoing.

"I've had an opportunity to reflect on a rapidly moving — and there's no other way to describe it — but bizarre process," Heed said yesterday. "Given this bizarre set of circumstances, I am going to step aside."

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Backstreet Boys tix up for grabs

They're back! Legendary boy band Backstreet Boys, left, who sent teenage hearts a-flutter in the late '90s, are touring again and tickets to their Vancouver show go on sale tomorrow. The group — minus former member Kevin Richardson — plays at GM Place on Aug. 6.

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News in brief

NO CHARGES Vancouver police have identified and spoken with a man who was seen inside Urban Fare in Yaletown with his hand down his pants. Officers decided not to lay charges after meeting with the man.

ASSAULT Paul Callow, who was dubbed Toronto's "balcony rapist," is facing charges of assault and uttering threats in Coquitlam. Callow relocated to Surrey after being released from prison in Ontario, where he served a 20-year sentence for a string of violent sexual assaults.

DRIVER A Coast Mountain bus driver is facing charges in connection with a fatal accident in January, cknw.com reports. Janet Kennedy, 61, was killed when she was hit by a bus on Hastings Street. The driver, whose name isn't being released, is charged with driving without due care and attention. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Andrew Martin and Hayley Lopes at the Pacific Central station in Vancouver yesterday. The couple were aboard the Via Rail train that hit a vehicle, killing three people in Edmonton on Tuesday.

Couple still reeling

Passengers discuss train-vehicle crash that killed 3

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Vancouver

Passengers aboard a train that struck a vehicle, killing three people — including two girls under 10 — were still shaken up by the incident when they disembarked in Vancouver yesterday.

"We didn't feel a thing (when the train hit the truck)," said Andrew Martin, who came to Vancouver on vacation from Ottawa.

"They did the whole movie thing, asking if there was a doctor on board ... The woman sounded really upset, but didn't tell us any details."

On Tuesday morning, during a blinding snowstorm, the Toronto-to-Vancouver train struck a truck at a level crossing protected by gates, lights and bells while going through Edmonton.

John Baxter and his two daughters, Julianne Rose, 9, and Coral Sky, 7, were killed as they drove to school.

None of the train's 227 passengers or staff suffered any injuries.

Police have not yet determined the cause of the crash, but speed and weather are being investigated.

Martin's girlfriend, Hayley Lopes, said she initially assumed there was an emergency onboard when the train stopped.

"There was snow covering the windows, so we couldn't see much," she said.

When they got up to get a better look, Martin and Lopes said they fell back down because the train was on a slant.

"Some people saw the car flip over," she added.

"A Via Rail (representative) told us the whole story and about the family before we got off."

The victims are survived by Baxter's wife, Alana, and their two-year-old son John Jr.

Cop convicted of incest gets conditional sentence

COURT A former Vancouver police officer who pleaded guilty to incest avoided jail yesterday when he was handed a one-year conditional sentence.

Provincial court Judge Jocelyn Palmer also sentenced the officer to two years probation.

The officer, whose name can't be released in order to protect the identity of the victim, was arrested in August 2009 after his adult sister complained he had non-consensual sex with her.

The Crown stayed a charge of sex assault against the officer, who resigned after more than 20 years with the force when the allegations came to light.

The judge told the court that the man doesn't pose a risk to the community but must abstain from drugs and alcohol and stay home between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. during his one-year house arrest.

The officer has also been prohibited from having direct contact with his sister but can send her a letter of atonement and must also submit a DNA sample to the national sex offender registry.

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Men charged after allegedly taping sex with teen girls

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Vancouver

CRIME Two Port Moody men are facing multiple sex-related charges in connection with the making of a pornographic film involving underage girls, police said.

Officers were responding to a noise complaint last September when they were approached and told that a 25-year-old man was filming and having sex with underage teen girls in the home.

Police located a suspect and after conducting an investigation made an arrest.

This then led to charges being laid against a second man, 23, who lived in the home allegedly used for the film.

Const. Bill Kim said Port Moody police are satisfied with what they said was a successful conclusion to their investigation.

The men are scheduled to make court appearances in March 2011, according to Kim.

Victoria B&B second on list of world's top inns

Victoria's Abbeymoore Manor Bed and Breakfast Inn has been ranked second in Trip Advisor's list of the top B&Bs and inns in the world. It finished behind a B&B in Tuscany and ahead of Abacot Hall Bed and Breakfast in Niagara-On-The-Lake. METRO VANCOUVER

Pipeline opponents hold vigil

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Around 30 people, dressed in black and holding candles, held a silent vigil outside Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines' Vancouver office yesterday to show solidarity with communities affected by the massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Stephanie Goodwin, B.C. director of Greenpeace Canada, said the vigil was planned to coincide with the opening of Enbridge's annual general meeting in Calgary at 12:30 p.m.

"The vigil is to commemorate the Gulf of Mexico oil spill and to warn Enbridge not to bring the same fate to B.C.," Goodwin said.

Enbridge is proposing to build a 1,170-kilometre pipeline to carry more than half a million barrels of crude oil a day from Alberta's tar sands to B.C.'s Great Bear Rainforest.

Once there, it would load hundreds of oil tankers a year, which would navigate the same coastal waters where the Queen of the North ferry sank.

"We oppose the pipeline because it presents certain imminent (degradation) to coastal marine environments and will cause destruction to ecosystems," said Goodwin.

On April 20, an oil rig that was drilling off the Louisiana coast exploded, killing 11 workers and eventually spewed tens of thousands of gallons of crude oil into the Gulf.

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KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Protesters of the proposed Enbridge pipeline hold a silent vigil in Vancouver yesterday for the communities affected by the recent Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Ex-officer accused of drug trafficking granted bail

CONDITIONS A former Vancouver police officer accused of selling marijuana while on duty has been granted bail.

Peter Hodson was freed under a surety of $65,000 and must obey more than a dozen restrictions, including a curfew of midnight to 6 a.m.

He was arrested April 21 at Vancouver police headquarters and immediately fired.

He's accused of drug trafficking, breach of trust and break-and-enter with the intent to commit extortion.

A civilian, Oscar Lapitan, has also been charged with trafficking pot alongside Hodson over activities allegedly occurring from early last December to April 20, the day before Hodson's arrest.

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Additional charge

- Hodson, who served as a police officer for nearly five years, is also currently facing a separate charge linked to his arrest for impaired driving a year and a half ago.

News in brief

MISSING Police are asking for help finding a missing 17-year-old boy. Dae Hong (Daniel) Kim was last seen leaving his home near West 12th Avenue and Arbutus Street on the morning of April 12. Kim, an avid gamer, had his laptop with him.

SUIT A Pemberton man is suing Whistler Mountain and his slo-pitch league after he got drunk at a bar during a team party and fell off a flight of stairs, rendering him quadriplegic. Daniel Holt, 26, claims the bar over-served patrons. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Woman awarded $5M in tractor-trailer crash

COURT A B.C. woman left with brain injuries after her head struck a passing tractor-trailer nearly five years ago has been awarded more than $5 million in a negligence lawsuit.

Christina MacEachern was 27 years old at the time of the accident in September 2005 in Surrey.

A B.C. Supreme Court decision says MacEachern was either walking or riding her bicycle on the shoulder of King George Highway while facing traffic when she encountered a parked pickup truck that extended into the shoulder. The ruling says that as MacEachern went around the truck, her head came into contact with a passing tractor-trailer, leaving her with injuries that have left her "childlike," with poor short-term memory.

Judge William Ehrcke concluded MacEachern was 20 per cent responsible, leaving driver John Gardner Rennie and his employer, Canadian National Transportation Ltd., to bear the remaining responsibility. Ehrcke has awarded MacEachern about $5.3 million to cover the cost of future care, as well as $320,000 in damages. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Recovering addict

- MacEachern was a recovering heroin addict who was on methadone in September 2005. She was living in a so-called tent city encampment in the bush just off the highway where the accident took place.

6 arrested in record cigarette bust

ARRESTS Six men have been arrested in what police are calling the largest-ever seizure of counterfeit cigarettes in B.C.

The Canada Border Services Agency says it found 50,000 cartons of the bogus smokes in a shipping container that arrived in Vancouver from China on April 15.

The container was said to contain sinks, but when it was examined border agents found counterfeit Canadian and U.S. brands, along with some Chinese brands not normally available in Canada.

The shipment was destined for a Richmond address, and when police followed up they arrested six men who were later released pending an investigation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RCMP Sgt. Duncan Pound of the federal Border Integrity Program says it's the largest counterfeit tobacco seizure in B.C. history, and the cigarettes are worth about $3.4 million. He adds that amount of illegal tobacco costs the public millions of dollars in lost duties and taxes.

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UBC researchers mimic muscle tissue

Researchers at the University of B.C. have designed new rubber-like biomaterial that mimics the elasticity of muscle. The material, which is biodegradable, has potential applications in tissue engineering sciences. METRO VANCOUVER

Police on alert after knifepoint sexual assault

CRIME Vancouver police are warning the public after a 34-year-old woman was sexually assaulted at knifepoint near Joyce Street and Kingsway Avenue early yesterday.

The woman was approached by a man while she was standing in front of a 7-Eleven at around 3:30 a.m., said Const. Lindsey Houghton.

"He convinced her to follow him to a nearby alcove where he sexually assaulted and threatened her with a knife," Houghton said. "She then fled and was able to seek help."

The suspect is described as an Asian man between 20 and 30 years old, of average build and height, and with a thin mustache.

Anyone with information is asked to call Vancouver police at 604-717-2634.

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Rodeo boasts some South Asian flavour

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A different kind of twang will emanate from the Cloverdale Rodeo's big red barn this Victoria Day long weekend as one of Western Canada's largest rodeos gallops toward multiculturalism.

For the first time, the annual Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair is holding a South Asian festival focused on Indo-Canadian culture, music and dance.

South Asians account for more than a quarter of Surrey's population.

"We have a significant South Asian population in the immediate vicinity and we wanted them to be introduced to the event and really feel welcome," said Laura Ballance, rodeo spokeswoman.

"We think it's a great opportunity to expand and ... have programming that is more reflective of our community."

The event, which takes place May 23, is named Desi Mela, which translates to "country folk fair." It is a free-with-admission, all-ages event at the Longhorn Saloon.

It features Bhangra dancers, Punjabi folk singers and even a Charlie Chaplin-inspired comedian. Among them is Manak-E, a U.K.-based artist with a string of hit singles. He is on a global tour for his latest album.

"We're bringing artists from India and Britain," Ballance said. "It's about opening up and inviting the community to take in the country fair. We think it's a tremendous fit."

The South Asian festival was made possible through a $30,000 grant from the federal Marquee Tourism Events Program. The rodeo runs from May 21 to 24.

Manak-E, a U.K.-based artist who is well known for his Bhangra-inspired dance songs, is among the performers at the Cloverdale Rodeo's South Asian Festival.

PHOTO COURTESY CLOVERDALE RODEO

Fatal outbreak of illness now over, officials claim

HEALTH An outbreak of an unidentified respiratory illness during which 10 frail seniors died at a Victoria care home last month has ended, say health officials.

The Vancouver Island Health Authority hasn't yet pinpointed the cause of the respiratory illness that spread to 21 residents at Glengarry Hospital.

But it said the illnesses have been contained because no new cases have occurred since last Thursday.

Shannon Marshall, a VIHA spokeswoman, said an outbreak of Norovirus that started earlier is also over.

"Infection control measures remain in place ... and the outbreak status will be reviewed on a daily basis," she said yesterday.

Some 39 residents were affected by the Norovirus spread that was announced April 6, but it didn't result in any deaths. When several patients began coughing and having runny noses in the initial stages of that outbreak, officials at first believed everyone was affected by the same illness.

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News in brief

EMERGENCY Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson is encouraging residents to participate in Emergency Preparedness Week this week by making plans to ensure their safety in the event of an emergency. He said Vancouverites should be prepared to deal with neighbourhood evacuations, extended power outages and snowstorms.

EVACUATION Part of Victoria, including a major shopping mall, was evacuated yesterday after a major gas leak led police to shut down the area. The leak was caused by a crew working in the 600 block of Frances Avenue.

CONTAMINATION Surgical tools contaminated with glue and bone fragments are being examined at a Kamloops hospital. Police say they now have some leads to the contaminated tools found April 14. It wasn't the first time in recent months that contaminated tools were found at the Royal Island Hospital.

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Six pot plants? Go to jail

The Conservative government is reintroducing a crime bill that would impose a six-month sentence for anyone convicted of growing from six to 200 cannabis plants. More than 200 would draw a year in jail. The new bill was reintroduced in the Senate as part of the government's retabling of tough-on-crime bills that died when the last Parliament was prorogued. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Who wants to wallop Hitler? Not us

Liberate Europe? Defeat Hitler? No thanks, say younger Canadians in a new poll.

The poll, timed for Saturday's 65th anniversary of VE Day, has the Historica-Dominion Institute suggesting there is increasing reverence for Second World War vets but a troubling ambivalence about following their example.

A clear majority of younger Canadians say they would not have volunteered in 1939 to help defeat Nazism.

The survey shows a significant divide between older Canadians and those aged 18 to 35 just 65 years after the most significant human conflagration of the past century.

> **"Do they know what this conflict was all about?"**
> Andrew Cohen, Historica-Dominion Institute

Over three-quarters of 1,025 respondents in the Ipsos-Reid online panel agreed the men and women who served in the Second World War deserve to be called the Greatest Generation.

More than 94 per cent of respondents said Canada's war veterans deserve to be called heroes.

"You have on one hand praising (and) honouring the veterans — which we didn't do for many years," said Andrew Cohen, president of the Historica-Dominion Institute.

"And then we ask the question: 'But if you were in similar circumstances, would you go?' Well, yeah, there is a high number generally of Canadians, but the younger you get, the more persuaded they have to be."

Cohen would like to understand why 60 per cent of Canadians below age 35 say they'd reject serving.

"Do they know enough?" he says of the conflict.

"Do they know what this conflict was all about?

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Stem cells put women at risk?

HORMONES A team of Toronto researchers has pinpointed the molecular mechanism that may explain why women who undergo menopause late in life face a higher risk of breast cancer.

Scientists from the Ontario Cancer Institute have found the ovarian hormone progesterone drives the production of stem cells in breast tissue, which creates an environment ripe for cancer to take root.

The finding provides an important clue to why a woman's reproductive history is a risk factor.

Studies have shown women who have more than the average number of menstrual cycles — women who menstruate early and those who undergo menopause later in life — are at an increased risk of developing the disease.

But until now, scientists did not understand the molecular basis for why progesterone is involved in the increased risk.

"Our work establishes a direct connection between these hormones and the stem cells in the breast," said the study's principal investigator, Rama Khokha.

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Alberta **Mr. Blair wins fair — to the tune of $41M**

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This is the giant grin of one of the happiest men in Canada. Why is this man smiling? Cameron Blair of Beaumont, Alta., won a $41.7-million Lotto Max lottery, the biggest jackpot ever won by a single person in Alberta and the second largest ever in the country. Blair holds his cheque at a news conference in St. Albert, Alta., yesterday.

PETA to tourists: Shun Canada

SEAL HUNT An anti-sealing video is urging tourists to skip Canada.

It's a new salvo against the East Coast seal hunt from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. The one-minute video features images of seals being clubbed to death.

PETA's Dan Mathews says it's a retort to a Canadian commercial that shows a seal hopping on to a kayak as delighted paddlers squeal. It says: Canada. Keep Exploring.

The PETA video says: Explore Elsewhere.

"We thought, 'Let's bring a dose of reality to this,'" Mathews said.

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Health Canada issues warning over medication patch

Health Canada and Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada are warning against misuse of a drug patch for an Alzheimer's medication. They say people have died after using the Exelon Patch in the wrong way. They are reminding doctors, caregivers and patients that it's important to remove one patch before applying a new one. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Women want tough crime laws: Ambrose

Under siege for its anti-abortion stand in foreign policy and silencing of feminist voices at home, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government is arguing that what women really want is less crime in Canada.

"Our government has done more than any other government in the history of this country to keep women safe," says Public Works Minister Rona Ambrose, who is also in charge of the status of women in the Harper government.

"We have introduced new laws to make sure that we keep rapists and murderers off the street and to make sure that we protect children from sexual predators. That is what women want."

"This was bizarre to say the least and I can't understand the government's doublespeak on this one."
NDP Leader Jack Layton

It is a defence that opposition critics are calling strange, especially because Conservatives are also boasting at the same time about their plans to wind down the gun registry — not a popular measure among Canadian women, according to most polls.

"This was bizarre to say the least and I can't understand the government's doublespeak on this one," said New Democratic Party Leader Jack Layton. "There's no question that they are out of touch."

Though there has been recent talk of a "culture war" building between the Liberals and Tories, the current political fight is shaping up to be a gender war — at the centre of it is the government's recent announcement that Canada won't support abortion for women in developing countries. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Soldier's body coming home

DEATH The body of a Canadian sailor killed in Afghanistan by the blast from a makeshift bomb, the very type of device he was in the country to defuse, has begun its long journey home.

More than 1,500 Canadian and ISAF personnel attended a ramp ceremony early yesterday at Kandahar Airfield for Craig Blake, a petty officer second class who is Canada's first sailor to die in Afghanistan since the mission began in 2002.

He was killed Monday by an improvised explosive device while he and his team were walking back to camp after disarming another IED about 25 kilometres southwest of Kandahar City.

The 37-year-old was in the country for only a couple of weeks when he died.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

PROTEST Indigenous leaders from Papua New Guinea came to Parliament Hill yesterday to urge MPs to support legislation to clamp down on the practices of Canadian mining firms operating in the developing world. The members of the Ipili tribe have been asking Barrick Gold Corp. to address allegations of human rights abuses and environmental degradation at the Barrick-controlled Porgera gold mine. But Toronto-based Barrick has denied allegations of human rights abuses.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CHARGES More than a dozen charges have been laid against an Edmonton man who is accused of using two massage parlours as fronts for a prostitution ring. Dennis Fitzpatrick Huggins is facing 13 charges, including living off the avails of prostitution and proceeds of crime. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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New cloud of ash slows air traffic over British Isles

A new wave of dense volcanic ash from Iceland snarled air traffic yesterday in Ireland and Scotland and threatened to spill into the air space of England. Authorities are now seeking to stop flights only when the ash reaches certain density levels and gets within 100 kilometres of an airport's path for landings and takeoffs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Joe the Plumber to Joe the Politician?

Joe the Plumber is plunging into party politics. Samuel (Joe) Wurzelbacher, left, who was hailed as the voice of the common man by Republican John McCain's presidential campaign in 2008, won one of nearly 400 seats on the local Republican Party committee in Ohio's Lucas County. But don't call him Joe the Politician just yet. The group he'll serve on meets only a few times a year to elect the county chairman and sets the party agenda.

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China experiencing syphilis epidemic

SHANGHAI Every hour a baby is born in China with syphilis as the world's fastest-growing epidemic of the disease is fuelled by men with new money from the nation's booming economy, researchers say.

The easy-to-cure bacterial infection, which was nearly wiped out in China five decades ago, is now the most commonly reported sexually transmitted disease in its largest city, Shanghai.

Prostitutes, along with gay and bisexual men — many of whom are married with families — are driving the epidemic, according to a commentary published today in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The increase reflects the country's staggering economic growth, providing both businessmen and migrant labourers more cash and opportunity to pay for unsafe sex while away from home.

"In the '50s and '60s in China, syphilis and other STDs were extremely uncommon. The number of new cases has just rapidly accelerated," Dr. Joseph Tucker, lead author and an infectious disease specialist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, said in an interview.

Unlike other sexually spread diseases, such as gonorrhea or chlamydia, syphilis can eventually ravage the mind and kill if left untreated. A shot of penicillin is a cheap cure, but many people never experience specific symptoms and the disease remains undiagnosed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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News in brief

NIGERIA President Umaru Yar'Adua, long plagued by poor health, has died at age 58, almost three months after his vice-president assumed control of Africa's most populous nation, Yar'Adua's spokesman said. A cause of death was not given. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greek riots turn deadly

Country comes to virtual standstill amid unrest over economic crisis

Rioting over harsh austerity measures left three people dead in a torched Athens bank and clouds of tear gas drifting past parliament in an outburst of anger that underlined the long and difficult struggle Greece faces to stick with painful cutbacks that come with an international bailout.

The deaths were the first during a protest in Greece in nearly 20 years.

Fear that the bailout won't stop the debt crisis from spreading to other financially troubled EU countries like Portugal and Spain intensified amid the violence yesterday, as credit ratings agency Moody's put Portugal on watch for a possible downgrade.

The euro sank, dipping below $1.29 US for the first time in more than a year, on fears of crisis contagion and concerns that political upheaval might keep Greece from keeping its end of the bailout bargain.

Greece faces a May 19 due date on debt it says it can't repay without the help. The new government cutbacks, which slash salaries and pensions for civil servants and hike consumer taxes, are being imposed as condition of getting a $150-billion package of rescue loans from the International Monetary Fund and the other 15 European Union countries that use the euro as their currency.

Economists say Greeks face years of living with less to even have a chance to avoid national bankruptcy.

An estimated 100,000 people took to the streets during a nationwide general strike that grounded flights, shut all services and pulled news broadcasts off the air.

Three bank workers — a man and two women — died of smoke inhalation after demonstrators torched their bank, trapping them.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged lawmakers yesterday to speedily approve their country's share of the loans to Greece.

"Nothing less than the future of Europe, and with that the future of Germany in Europe, is at stake," Merkel told lawmakers. "We are at a fork in the road." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A riot policeman runs from angry protesters yesterday in Thessaloniki, Greece.

"Nothing less than the future of Europe ... is at stake."
German Chancellor Angela Merkel on the potential effect of the Greek financial crisis on Europe

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Pakistani general: Take Taliban claim with 'a pinch of salt'

BOMB PLOT Pakistan's army does not believe the Pakistani Taliban were behind the Times Square bomb attempt as the insurgent group has claimed, a military spokesman said yesterday. Relatives and friends of the Pakistani-American arrested in New York over the plot expressed surprise at his alleged involvement, saying he came from a respected family in a conservative part of the country and had previously shown no signs of militancy.

Faisal Shahzad, who grew up in Pakistan but left for America at the age of 18, is accused of trying to detonate a car bomb in Times Square on Saturday evening. The 30-year-old, who was arrested Monday in New York, has allegedly told investigators he received explosives training in Waziristan, a stronghold of the Pakistani Taliban.

In a video message on Sunday, the Pakistani Taliban said it carried out the attack, in what would be its first known strike outside South Asia.

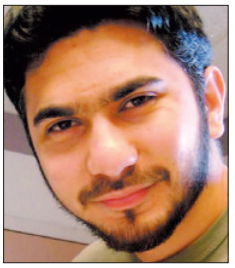
Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, the military's chief spokesman, said the claim should be "taken with a pinch of salt."

"Anybody can claim anything, but whether the organization has that kind of reach is questionable. I don't think they have the capacity to reach the next level," he said.

The attack may increase pressure on Pakistan to launch a new offensive in Waziristan, something it has been avoiding until now. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Airlines told to amp up checks of no-fly list

The U.S. government is now requiring airlines to check the no-fly list within two hours of being notified of updates — a move aimed at preventing known terror suspects from boarding airplanes — as the man accused in the Times Square bombing attempt did.


Faisal Shahzad

Faisal Shahzad, who prosecutors say tried to blow up an SUV in Times Square on Saturday evening, was added to the no-fly list early Monday afternoon, only hours before he boarded an Emirates flight bound for Dubai.

When updates are made to the no-fly list, notifications are sent to airlines instructing them to check the updated list. Until now, airlines have been required to check for an updated list every 24 hours.

Effective immediately, airlines will have to check the updated list within two hours of being notified of changes, according to a U.S. homeland security official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly discuss the policy change. The official says airlines could be fined if they don't comply.

The no-fly list has been one of the government's most public counterterrorism tools since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. But the list is only as good as the officials who analyze it and those who match names against it.

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Russian goth cannibals convicted for eating teen

CRIME A Russian court has convicted two men of murdering and eating a 16-year-old schoolgirl in January.

The St. Petersburg City Court says it sentenced a 21-year-old Goth-rock musician to 19 years in a maximum-security prison.

It says his 20-year-old accomplice was sentenced to 18 years in a maximum-security prison.

The court says in a statement released yesterday that the musician lured his victim to his apartment building, where he and his friend drowned her in a bathtub and cooked parts of her body in an oven.

The men pleaded not guilty, and in earlier testimony they said they had killed the woman because they "were hungry."

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City council votes to sue Arizona over new immigration laws

COURTS The Tucson and Flagstaff city councils have voted to sue Arizona over its tough new immigration law, citing concerns about enforcement costs and negative effects on the state's tourism industry.

They are the first municipalities to approve legal challenges to the law.

The Flagstaff city council voted unanimously Tuesday in favour of a resolution that says it's an unfunded mandate to carry out the responsibilities of the federal government.

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News in brief

LEGAL India's top court ruled yesterday that the use of a "truth drug" by police for questioning suspects without their consent is illegal and a violation of their fundamental rights, a news report said.

POPULATION Japan had fewer youngsters celebrating Children's Day for the 29th straight year yesterday, highlighting concerns that the country may face difficulty finding workers to support a rapidly aging population.

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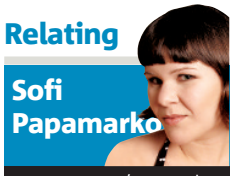

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Dear mom,

Bet you weren't expecting to read an open letter to you in my column this week.

I know you're a pretty private person and I certainly don't want to embarrass you by telling all of these nice people too much about how wonderful you are. That said, I want to take this opportunity to admit a few things that I'd never be able to say in person.

Because I'm stubborn.

Listen, you've been right about a lot of things over the years. You've been right and I've been wrong. Enjoy this, because I will never again concede to any of these points, either publicly or privately.

(Unfortunately, due to Mother's Day's proximity to tax time, you'll have to consider this your official present. Sorry.)

Ready? Here we go:

You were right to deny us a puppy. It would have grown into a dog. And the novelty would have worn off. And you would have been the one wielding the pooper scooper, just like you always said.

You were right about piano lessons. Even though I whined and complained about practising every day for the entirety of my childhood and adolescence, I am glad that you forced us to learn how to play. Piano lessons taught me rhythm, emotion and patience — all things that I draw upon daily as a writer. Piano also instilled a lifelong appreciation for music. Thank you!

"You were right about choosing my friends wisely. I am a happier and better person for having chosen kind, smart, funny, thoughtful and generous friends."

You were right about coasters.

You were right about mittens.

You were right about boys who aren't nice to their moms.

You were right about choosing my friends wisely. I am a happier and better person for having chosen kind, smart, funny, thoughtful and generous friends. Thank you for encouraging the good friendships and judiciously raising an eyebrow at undesirables.

You were right about washing lacy bras by hand.

You were right to be overprotective. There's a lot of frightening stuff out there and there was no need for me to be exposed to any of it before I was ready.

You were right that choosing a partner will be the most important decision I'll ever have to make. So ... let me take my time.

You were right about spinach salad. (The jury is still out on broccoli salad.)

You were right about polka dots.

You are not right at all about pairing pantyhose with open-toed shoes, but nobody's perfect.

Happy Mother's Day!

Ti milvam,

Tvoeto srce

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Views

Conversation about sex needs to happen

BroadMinded

Melinda Mattos

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By now, you've probably heard about the Ontario government's attempt to introduce a new sex ed curriculum — a change that was planned for fall 2010 but quickly shelved when conservative groups protested.

The revised curriculum would have seen Grade 1 students learning the proper names of body parts. It would have taught Grade 3 students to respect "invisible differences" between people, like sexual identity and orientation; taught Grade 4 students about puberty; and mentioned oral and anal sex to Grade 7 students.

Some critics argue that the "graphic" curriculum would encourage kids to have sex earlier. But in a world where sex is used to sell everything from clothing to cars, kids are already getting that message. Shouldn't we provide some no-nonsense context to go along with the hypersexualized media they see every day?

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Another sticking point is the Grade 3 mention of sexual identity. But what's got opponents' undies in a twist is really just a quick, PG lesson about respecting differences in others (learning abilities and cultural values are also mentioned).

The province's sex ed curriculum hadn't been reviewed since 1998 and, while it's cliché to say it, times have changed. Kids are hitting puberty at a younger age and they're encountering sexually charged materials earlier, too. For youth growing up in the Internet age, stumbling onto pornographic images is almost unavoidable — and not an ideal introduction to sexuality.

When I hear opponents say Grade 1 is too young to be teaching kids the proper names for their genitals, I can't help but be amazed.

Imagine if you went the first six years of your life without being given the proper word for your hands or feet, stuck with goofy euphemisms (your "grabby grabber" or your "walky bits") or, worse yet, no words at all. How would you tell someone if something was wrong? How would you develop any sense of ownership? With silence comes shame and confusion.

I know talking about sex isn't always easy, especially when kids are involved, but that's why it's part of the curriculum. If we want our kids to grow up to be healthy, happy adults who know how to protect and love their bodies, this conversation needs to happen — and it needs to happen early.

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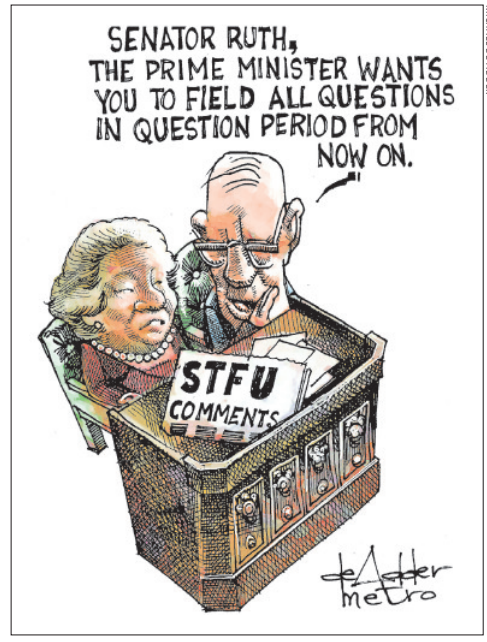

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Worth mentioning

Group pushing feds to name national bird

Americans have the bald eagle, New Zealand has the kiwi. What should be Canada's national bird?

With the Canadian Raptor Conservancy pushing the federal government to name a national bird and boost Canada's sense of identity, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty is backing the red-tailed hawk.

The red-tailed hawk can be seen across Canada except on the island of Newfoundland and the high Arctic.

"Just about every day, driving along the highway, you can see one," said James Cowan, a director of the Canadian Raptor Conservancy. The conservancy is based in Vittoria, near Simcoe, Ont., and holds falconry exhibitions across the country.

Cowan's group has an online petition (www.canadianraptorconservancy.com) aimed at convincing the feds to adopt an official avian. The group favours the red-tailed hawk or Canada goose, although the petition invites submissions.

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Quote of the Day

"The international courts, as they stand at the moment, are not prosecuting children under the age of 18. Trying young people for war crimes with regard to acts committed when they are minors could create a dangerous international precedent."

— RADHIKA COOMARASWAMY, THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CHILDREN AND ARMED CONFLICT, WHO CALLED ON CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES TO TREAT OMAR KHADR AS A CHILD SOLDIER AS DEMANDED UNDER INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOLS, AND FOR HIS RELEASE INTO CANADIAN CUSTODY. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Moody's may downgrade BP
Moody's Investors Service says BP's credit rating could face "downward pressure" because of the rig explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business

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Housing market to cool, TD says

The TD Bank says home sales will be significantly lower in the second half of this year and next — and prices are dropping too.

The new outlook is in accord with previous expectations, with the exception that TD now believes the slowdown from the current hot housing market to be sharper.

The bank has kept its prediction for the number of units sold this year nationally at 475,000.

The bank says with home construction stronger than expected, the added supply will soon begin affecting prices.

The first half of this year has been hotter than expected, and the second half will be cooler, the bank says.

TD says it had expected existing home prices next year to gain a modest 1.6 per cent, but now believes they will actually fall about 2.7 per cent on average.

The bank also says prices will drop next year in seven of Canada's 10 provinces, with the three prairie provinces breaking the trend. It predicted the greatest pullback would be in British Columbia, at 3.4 per cent, and Ontario, at three per cent.

TD said yields on Canadian government bonds — which underpin mortgage rates — have risen faster than expected.

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Newsweek On sale now

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Newsweek magazine is displayed on a newsstand yesterday at South Station in Boston. The Washington Post Co. is putting Newsweek up for sale in hopes that another owner can figure out how to stem losses at the 77-year-old weekly magazine.

Mortgage scam could be widespread

CRIME The Bank of Montreal's sweeping lawsuit against hundreds of people in an alleged $70-million mortgage-fraud scam is just the surface of an industry-wide problem, a forensic accountant says.

"This is hitting the news because of the size of the operation and the fact a bank has decided to take such forward action on it," Greg Draper, with firm Meyers Norris Penny, said in an interview yesterday.

"But it's happening on a smaller scale to financial institutions across the country on a regular basis."

The Bank of Montreal, in a lawsuit filed in Calgary, says it has been scammed by hundreds of people, including lawyers, mortgage brokers and even some of its own staff, in a series of schemes that were first flagged four years ago.

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Loonie sinks over Greek debt crisis

CURRENCY The loonie's assault on parity with the U.S. dollar appears to have stalled — for now — amid a flight to safety from the spreading Greek contagion.

With the sovereign debt crisis threatening to metastasize across southern Europe, the Canadian currency is once again finding it difficult to stay aloft as investors flee to traditional safe-haven currencies, particularly the greenback.

The loonie fell for the second straight day yesterday — at one time plunging almost a cent, reaching a two-month bottom of 96.58 cents US — before recovering somewhat to 97.12 cents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Google adds new tools to refine searches

ONLINE Google is fine-tuning the way it presents its Internet search results to make it easier for people to find information and images they want.

The new tools being introduced will be accompanied by a touched-up Google logo featuring slightly brighter hues of red, blue, green and yellow, with less shadow in the background.

Google's most noticeable changes will occur to the left of its search results. That area will offer more tools for reshuffling results into specific categories, such as news, images, blogs and video. The new alternatives also will open more doors to other possible topics of interest.

The changes are part of the incessant tinkering Google does to maintain its lead in the Internet's lucrative search market. The company says it made about 550 revisions to its search engine last year alone, mostly tweaks to its closely guarded formulas for deciding which results and ads to display after processing a search request. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fluid gets in the Mood
Toronto-based music distributor Fluid Music Canada says it is acquiring Mood Media Group SA. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Torstar cautiously optimistic in '10

Executives at Torstar Corp., owner of the Toronto Star newspaper and other dailies including Metro, are sounding a cautiously optimistic tone for the year as revenues edge towards a somewhat unpredictable recovery.

"We're certainly not seeing a big, robust recovery, but we're not seeing further decline," Torstar's president and CEO David Holland told analysts in a conference call yesterday.

"I still think that the viability around the balance of the year on the revenue side isn't particularly good, because I think it does tie into how the economy plays out."

Torstar, like most in the newspaper industry, has faced eroding readership of its newsprint publications while the economic downturn delivered an extra slap as advertisers started reducing their budgets.

However in its first-quarter results, the company reported a net profit of $7.4 million, or nine cents per share as cost cutting helped drive efficiencies at its newspaper and digital operations.

The earnings results missed average analyst expectations of 11 cents per share, according to a survey by Thomson Reuters, but reversed a loss of $21.4 million or 27 cents a share for the same year-ago period.

Holland noted that the latest results were being compared to a "very slow start in the first quarter of 2009," which was evident in the weaker revenue numbers.

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Torstar president and CEO David Holland speaks during the company's annual general meeting yesterday in Toronto.

Overall revenue fell to $334.2 million from $339 million for the January to March quarter, but that reflected currency translation impacts that dropped revenue by $10.1 million.

Meanwhile, newspaper and digital operations performed better financially and benefited from cost cutting and job cuts in the last year.

Torstar's net debt fell to $493.2 million from $515.8 million at the end of 2009.

Earlier this week, Torstar revealed it has submitted an offer to acquire the newspaper and digital businesses of Canwest LP and its related companies as part of the Canwest group's restructuring under bankruptcy protection from creditors.

The company's financing partner is Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd., which owns about 20 per cent of Torstar.

On the Torstar earnings call, executives declined to discuss the Canwest bid.

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CNN, CBS talking more convergence

MEDIA CNN and CBS News have romanced each other off and on for more than a decade, and they are checking again to see if the time is right for a serious business relationship.

Talks aimed at joining forces have foundered in the past due to questions of editorial control and complex labour issues. But the gloomy financial outlook for broadcast network news and CNN's need to kick-start its domestic network's ratings gives executives at both organizations a greater incentive to overcome the problems.

Executives at both news organizations, speaking under conditions of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the talks, said nothing is imminent. But there appears to be a seriousness of purpose that was missing in the past.

Familiarity

- The two companies have worked together in the past and, in the case of CNN's Anderson Cooper, even shared personnel. Cooper, host of a nightly program on CNN, also does occasional reports for 60 Minutes. CBS in the past year has hired CNN reporters Erica Hill, Elaine Quijano and Betty Nguyen.

Both CBS and ABC News have been losing money as viewers increasingly get their news through cable networks or the Internet.

Both news divisions have sharply cut back on staff; ABC cut its news staff by a quarter over the past couple of months, primarily through buyouts.

Neither network has the advantage of NBC News, which is not only atop the ratings but can amortize costs through cable affiliates MSNBC and CNBC.

Some have questioned whether ABC or CBS' news divisions can survive long-term by going it completely alone.

With a far more extensive newsgathering structure both domestically and internationally, CNN can offer CBS more extensive reporting power, allowing CNN reporters on broadcasts like the "CBS Evening News." For all of its ratings problems, that broadcast is still seen by more people than anything on CNN.

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Media ask judge to unseal iPhone affidavit

The Associated Press and other news organizations asked a judge yesterday to unseal the search warrant affidavit used to raid the home of a blogger who posted pictures and details of an iPhone prototype.

The legality of the raid is one of many unanswered questions in a saga that began when Gizmodo, a prominent technology blog owned by Gawker Media Inc., paid $5,000 US to obtain a device it says was lost by an Apple Inc. engineer in a Silicon Valley bar.

Apple is notoriously secretive about unreleased products, and Gizmodo editor Jason Chen's dissection of what may be the next-generation iPhone appears to have rubbed the company the wrong way.

After Gizmodo returned the phone to Apple in April, members of a computer crime task force raided Chen's Fremont, Calif., home, taking computers, hard drives, digital cameras, cellphones and financial documents, among other things.

Steve Wagstaffe, spokesman for the San Mateo County district attorney's office, said the company and the engineer reported the loss of the phone to the authorities.

The search warrant itself, which was made public, indicated that the search was related to a suspected felony.

No charges have been filed, but under California law, someone who finds a lost item and doesn't make appropriate efforts to return it could be considered to have stolen it.

Court documents spelling out the legal reasons for a search are usually made public within 10 days, but the affidavit supporting the April 23 raid remains sealed.

Chen's lawyer, Thomas Burke of Davis Wright Tremaine in San Francisco, said in a recent interview with the AP that a search warrant should never have been issued because Chen is a journalist and his home is his newsroom. California law protects journalists from such searches.

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Telus First-quarter slide

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Telus president and CEO Darren Entwistle addresses the company's annual general meeting in Vancouver yesterday. The telecommunications firm reported a 17 per cent slide in first-quarter profit as wireless and wireline data revenue grew while traditional telephone services continued to slide.

First Nations speak up to Enbridge

CALGARY Enbridge Inc. aims to file a regulatory application for its controversial Northern Gateway pipeline this month, chief executive Pat Daniel said yesterday as opponents peppered him with questions at the company's annual meeting.

Leaders from the Wet'suwet'en and Carrier Sekani groups in northwestern B.C. travelled to Calgary to voice their concerns about Northern Gateway, which could transport more than 500,000 barrels of crude per day between Alberta and the West Coast port of Kitimat.

John Ridsdale, with the Wet'suwet'en, stepped up to the microphone and asked Daniel how Northern Gateway can possibly proceed when those living along the proposed route have so vehemently said "no" to the $5.5-billion project. "We want to work with you to try to turn that no to a yes," Daniel replied.

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Cancellations to blame for firm's first-quarter loss

AUTO Car parts maker Automodular Corp. reported yesterday a first-quarter loss of $200,000 net loss, improved from a year-earlier loss of $1 million loss but dragged down by the impact of General Motors cancelling its contracts with the supplier of auto parts and assembly line services.

Toronto-based Automodular said the quarter includes a $1.5-million pretax charge for severance costs and $3.3-million impairment charge related to the General Motors termination announced in April.

The loss amounted to one cent per share in the most recent period, versus a loss of four cents per share in the comparable period of 2009.

The cancelled contracts — to supply parts and services for the assembly of the Camaro muscle car at GM's Oshawa, Ont. plant — accounted for about 20 per cent of Automodular's overall business but it continues to supply GM's plant in Lordstown, Ohio, as well as Ford Canada's plant in Oakville, Ont.

The company had initially said 100 jobs would be lost due to the cancellation, but the CAW union later said it had reached agreement with Inteva Products, the American firm that took over the supply deal with GM, to hire about 70 former Automodular employees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Garnett misses practice

Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett is nursing a mild mid-foot sprain that has kept him out of practice. The Celtics and Cleveland Cavaliers are tied 1-1 in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal series. Game 3 isn't until tomorrow night, and coach Doc Rivers says he expects Garnett to play. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Tebow jersey top seller

Tim Tebow, left, already leads the NFL in one category: Jersey sales. His Denver Broncos No. 15 was by far the most popular on the NFL's website for April. His celebrity clearly trumps the debate over whether he will ever make it as an NFL quarterback after winning the Heisman Trophy and two national championships at Florida. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NBA Making a point

CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Steve Nash of the Phoenix Suns moves the ball upcourt guarded by George Hill of the San Antonio Spurs. Nash and his teammates wore 'Los Suns' jerseys on Cinco de Mayo in response to an anti-immigration law recently passed in Arizona.

Whitecaps tie Impact 1-1

SOCCER Marcus Haber's penalty-kick in the 81st minute vaulted the Vancouver Whitecaps to a 1-1 draw with the Montreal Impact in Nutrilite Canadian soccer championship action last night.

The Whitecaps (0-0-1) earned a point in their first appearance in the three-team round-robin tournament involving Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto.

Peter Byers scored for the Impact, which dropped to 0-1-1 a week after losing to Toronto FC 2-0 in the Nutrilite opener.

Haber's spot kick was awarded after Montreal defender Adam Braz received his second yellow card of the night — and third of the tournament — for fouling Vancouver's Greg Janicki.

The two were both going up to play Whitecap midfielder Martin Nash's free kick from the right edge of the 18-yard box.

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Byfuglien too much to handle for Canucks

(Chicago lead series 2-1)

Blackhawks 5 Canucks 2

Big forward Dustin Byfuglien usually gives the Vancouver Canucks headaches.

He broke Vancouver's back last night, scoring three goals, two on the power play, as the Chicago Blackhawks rolled to a convincing 5-2 victory over the Canucks to take a 2-1 lead in their NHL Western Conference semifinal.

"Sometimes it happens to a guy," a grinning Byfuglien said after the game. "I have been trying to work hard and it finally paid off."

Big and strong, Byfuglien parks himself in front of the net like a battleship. It would take a tugboat to move him.

"That's my job to get position and make them work around me," said Byfuglien, who had not scored a point in his eight previous playoff games this season.

"They have to worry about me going in and worry about getting hit. It's part of the game."

None of Byfuglien's goals were pretty. His power-play goals came off rebounds during scrambles in front of Canuck goaltender Roberto Luongo. He completed his hat trick on a play where he drove Luongo into his own net.

The Canucks argued for goaltender interference, but the goal stood.

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Chicago's Patrick Kane, second from right, sends his shot past Vancouver's Roberto Luongo with help of teammate Dustin Byfuglien as Canucks Alexander Edler, left, and Kevin Bieksa look on during the third period of last night's Game 3 action at GM Place.

Sports in brief

MLB Adam Lind hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to send the Toronto Blue Jays to a three-game sweep of the Cleveland Indians with a 5-4 win yesterday.

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San Jose at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. (Sharks lead series 3-0)

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Phoenix 110 San Antonio 102 (Phoenix leads series 2-0)

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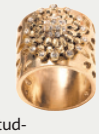

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Quattro aims for community

Surry development took inspiration from sophisticated Yaletown

Suite Talk

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Charan Sethi had a vision for Surrey City Centre and with his newest addition Quattro 3, the developer and president of Tien Sher Group of Companies is surely seeing it come to life with his multiphase developments.

"We're very passionate about what we are doing. I always tell people it's not one building I'm building. It's going to be a community," Sethi says. "I want to see it happen nicely too so I can walk through it years down the line and I can show my grandkids and say 'Hey, this is what we built.'"

The project is inspired by the style and sophistication of Yaletown and aims to bring that downtown feel and design to the rapidly growing area of Surrey.

The development saw a delay in 2008 when a fire destroyed the second Quattro building but Sethi says that with time, patience and perseverance, the area's revitalization is starting to take shape.

Sethi says he prides himself in meticulous planning and designing an efficient and comfortable space to provide quality affordable housing.

"I'm a very simple person when it comes to my home. I wanted it to be very comfortable," he said. "Our kitchens are super nice. I love cooking so the kitchen has to be very practical for me."

Seen here are some shots of Quattro 3.

Suites come in two colour schemes, espresso and cinnamon, and boasts the 'everything-you-ever-wanted' kitchen with European-inspired cabinetry, granite countertops and stainless steel sink and electric range.

"The stoves are large enough that you can actually cook a turkey in it. They're not small ones. We do take a lot of pride in thinking of that because come Christmas, even in a small apartment, you still may have family come over," Sethi said. "You've got to be able to do that."

Oversized windows lets in a lot of natural light and the exterior shows extensive wood details, and brick and bevel-edged siding within a landscaped courtyard.

Minutes away from Gateway SkyTrain station, Quattro offers convenient living with parks, schools and shopping all within walking distance.

Other features include in-suite washer and dryer, a fully equipped gym in each building, energy-efficient double-glazed windows and storage lockers for bikes.

Quattro 3 just had its grand opening sale last weekend and is the third building of the development spanning over 12 acres on an entire city block. It's slated for completion in 16 to 18 months.

The building offers a mix of studios, Jr. 1-bedroom, 1-bedroom, 1+den and 2-bedroom suites. Prices start at $139,000 and half of the homes are priced below $200,000.

The Lowdown

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Freestyle fashion

From the heiresses in the 1890s to the screen sirens of the 1940s — and, really, into the 21st century — it was American style icons who helped move fashion forward with new standards of beauty, sexuality, power and art, even if many of the best couturiers lived and worked across the Atlantic. The Metropolitan Museum's Costume Institute celebrates this influence in its new exhibit American Woman: Fashioning a National Identity. Pictured left: Evening gowns part of the Screen Siren collection. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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All stacked up

The low-down on how to layer jewelry

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Canada

When it comes to the latest jewelry trend — layering and stacking — there's a fine line between looking fashionable and looking, well, junky. Here's the low-down on how to layer your jewelry like a pro.

According to Banana Republic spokesperson and trend expert Tara Wickwire, the key to pulling off the layered look is to focus on one area. "Either focus on your wrists, your neck, or your hands," she advises. "Don't do it all at once."

Another important rule is to keep your metals in the same metal family, so mix silvers and pewters or mix golds, but avoid mixing the two.

And, finally, if you're sensing that you're overdoing it, Wickwire says to start over from scratch. If you're not comfortable with what you're wearing, other people will notice and that's never a good look.

Paloma's Sugar Stacks ring (ranging from $1,500 to $2,250 each), Tiffany & Co

NECKLACES

When it comes to necklaces, Wickwire recommends experimenting with different lengths and sizes. "When you mix lengths, it looks layered but big pieces aren't competing with each other," she says.

Start with a statement piece such as a thick graphic necklace with big stones or baubles, then add complementary pieces such as a few simple gold or silver chains in varying lengths. "You can almost make them all looks like one piece when you put a few together," adds Wickwire.

Add a punch of colour to your jewelry layering with the new Swatch Color Code watch collection. The watches are $55 each at Swatch Boutiques and retailers across Canada.

RINGS

"There's a number of finer small bands, bands with small stones in them, and those are definitely the ones you can have fun layering," explains Wickwire. However, keep this rule in mind: stick to layering rings on one finger.

Wearing multiple rings on multiple fingers definitely starts looking overdone and verging on cluttered.

Experiment with different coloured stones and varying bandwidths for added interest.

BRACELETS, CUFFS AND WATCHES

With bracelets, think about really adding variety to the mix. "Try mixing bangles with a chain bracelet, a small cuff and a leather piece or two," says Wickwire. "And have some fun layering your bracelets with your watch."

With larger cuffs, Wickwire believes it's best to keep it simple and not layer them with other bracelets. "It can otherwise become a bit distracting," she says. But, you could take a queue from the late fashion icon Diana Vreeland and wear chunky matching cuffs on each wrist.

Multi-strand necklace, $95, Banana Republic

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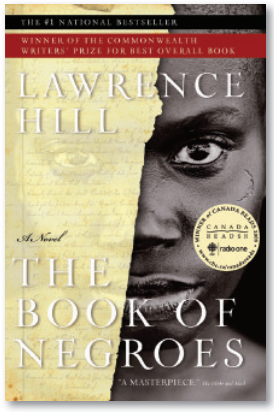

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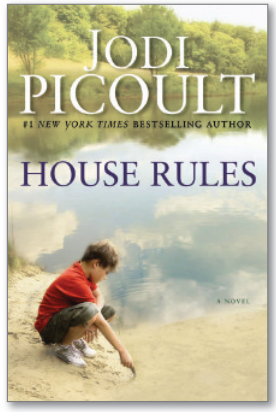

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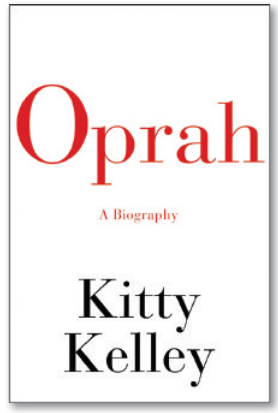

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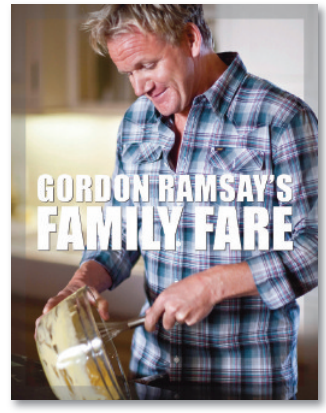

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Dempsey signs on for Tranformers

Patrick Dempsey is handing in his scalpel for some heavier machinery. The Grey's Anatomy star, 44, told Brazilian reporters he has joined the cast of Transformers 3, according to website BOL Noticias. TVGUIDE.COM

Entertainment

Cause of death

Corey Haim died of pneumonia, not drug abuse, according to an autopsy report released by the Los Angeles Coroner's office.

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Broken Record a work of art

Broken Social Scene

Album: Forgiveness Rock Record **Label:** Arts & Crafts **Rating:** ●●●●½

CANADA'S INDIE BRAIN trust returns with its everything-plus-the-kitchen-sink approach to alternative rock. Last time 'round (it was 2005), the extended musical family brought together by Broken Social Scene chief instigators Kevin Drew and Brendan Canning often sounded like siblings bickering across the Thanksgiving dinner table. At times, it was little more than frayed cacophony. All is forgiven, however, at Forgiveness Rock. The indulgent excesses remain — why use nine musicians when there's 22 available, or one synthesizer when there's four in the studio, or just Feist when you can have Emily Haines and Amy Millan, too? Nonetheless, the 14 tracks here are carefully sculpted aural pleasures. Collectively, they're as close to a Canrock masterpiece as you can get. This is a record that deserves study, the sort that university courses are built around. Then maybe we can get answers to questions like ... what's that car alarm doing in the background of World Sick?

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Broken Social Scene's Forgiveness Rock Record deserves the sort of study that university courses are built around.

The New Pornographers

Album: Together **Label:** Last Gang **Rating:** ●●●●

INDIE KIDS WOKE up this week to find themselves smiled on by the rock gods. New releases from both Broken Social Scene and The New Pornographers in the same week? While BSS is a contender for "masterpiece" distinction, the NPs fall just short. The power chords and bits of Beatlesque psychedelia are in all the right places while Neko Case sings with girlish charm and A.C. Newman injects his twisted sense of mirth throughout. And perhaps this is the problem. There's just a few too many nods and winks going on here, almost as if they're afraid of taking themselves too seriously. But maybe that's the whole point? Why else would you write a song called Valkyrie in the Roller Disco?

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Justin Rutledge

Album: The Early Windows **Label:** Six Shooter/Warner **Rating:** ●●●½

IF YOU WANT anyone to have a co-write on a record, it's probably Booker Prize winning author Michael Ondaatje. Toronto's Justin Rutledge lucked out when the author approached him to collaborate, but while he provided some lyrical depth, it's Rutledge who makes this record shine. As usual, the singer songwriter's rootsy tunes are filled with passion and precision — opener Jack of Diamonds is a warm country track, while he turns up the heat a bit on the driving The Heart of A River.

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The Hold Steady

Album: Heaven is Whenever **Label:** Vagrant/Universal **Rating:** ●●●●

THE HOLD STEADY have been making bar band-approved rock 'n' roll for six years, and while all their discs have received rave reviews, it's this fifth one that's their pièce de résistance. The album isn't much of a departure from the band's Weakerthans-meets-Tragically Hip rock, but the songs are crisper and more laid back. Opener The Sweet Part of the City's epic slide guitars are contrasted by Craig Finn's subdued vocals and the back and forth between passionate instrumentation and relaxed songwriting continues from there.

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Court Yard Hounds

Album: Court Yard Hounds **Label:** Columbia/Sony **Rating:** ●●●

COURT YARD HOUNDS is the Dixie Chicks, minus bold Bush-hating frontgrrrrrl Natalie Maines who is taking time off to be a mom and heal some redneck inflicted wounds. Remaining Chicks — sisters Emily Robison and Martie Maguire — are remarkably talented songwriters and musicians. They also harmonize as only sisters can. They've created a quality country album that leans both to the traditional and the contemporary (as all good Dixie Chicks CDs do). Yet, it's not quite what we've come to expect from the Chicks. Maines provides an attitudinal punch missing here. Give it a couple of years and she'll be back.

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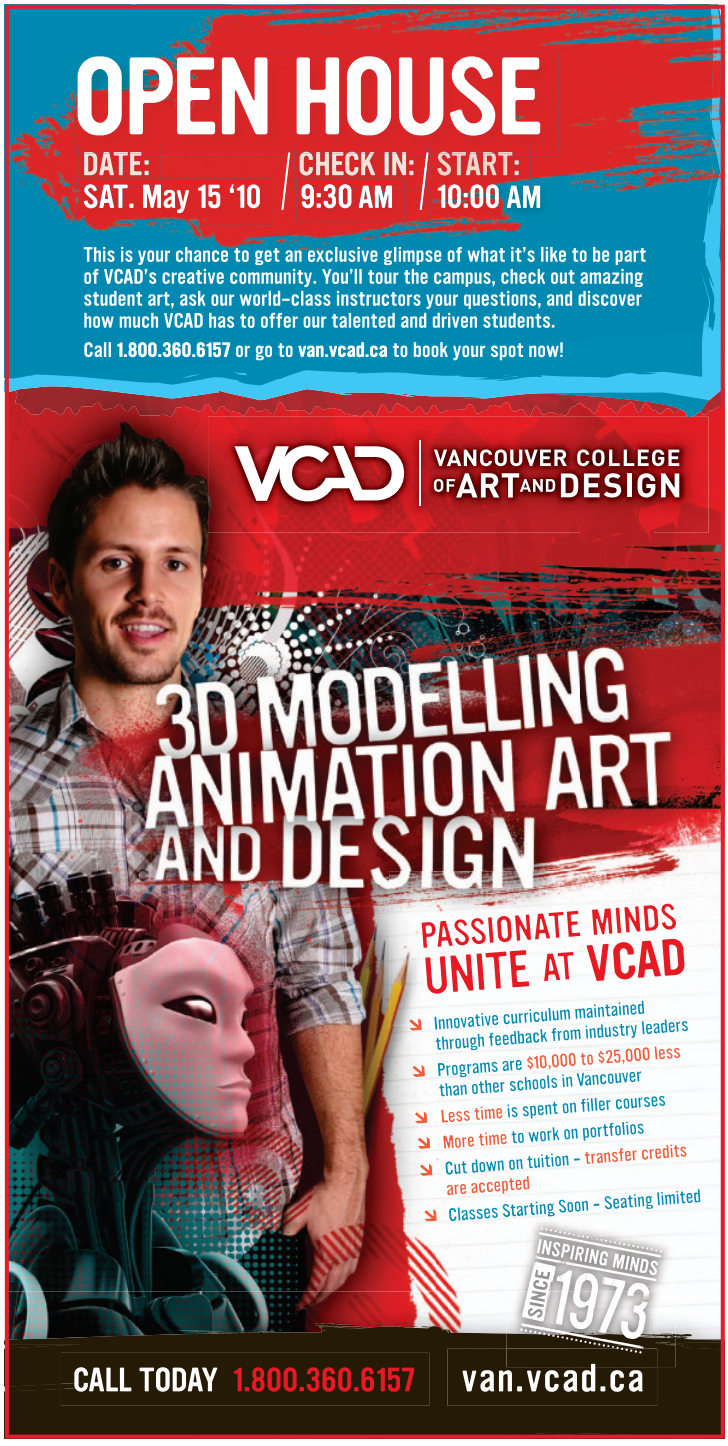

Bieber's fans tweet back

Justin Bieber had to calm his leagues of smitten followers yesterday after Kim Kardashian said she received death threats from the 16-year-old's adoring fans.

Bieber and the reality TV starlet had engaged in some lighthearted Twitter flirting after they were photographed together at the White House Correspondents' Dinner in Washington, D.C.

Bieber tweeted a photo of the two together and called Kardashian his girlfriend, and the 29-year-old gamely responded that she had "Bieber fever."

But Kardashian tweeted on Tuesday that she had felt the wrath of Bieber's jealous devotees.

"I'm getting death threats from your fans! This is unBeliebable!!!" she wrote.

The teen heartthrob politely asked his fans to back off yesterday morning.

"Ladies calm down," he wrote. "(Kardashian) is a friend. A very sexy friend but a friend. No need 4 threats. Let's all be friends and hang out often ;)."

It's the second time of late that the mop-topped Stratford, Ont., crooner has had to take to his popular Twitter account — with nearly 2.3 million followers — to confront out-of-control fans.

Last week, Bieber wrote that his mother had been knocked down as a frenzied crowd mobbed the young singer as he arrived at a New Zealand airport.

"Finally got to New Zealand last night," he wrote.

"The airport was crazy. Not happy that someone stole my hat and knocked down my mama. Come on people."

Earlier in the week, police cancelled a Bieber concert in Australia after surging crowds crushed some fans. The most serious injury was a fractured kneecap.

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Justin Bieber (left) and Kim Kardashian (right)

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First Eclipse at L.A. fest

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Iron Man missing in action

Iron Man 2

Director: Jon Favreau
Stars: Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson
Classification: PG
Rating: ½

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Metro World News

Iron Man 2 opens not with a bang but with a whimper, as Mickey Rourke's Ivan Vanko — later to become villain Whiplash, weeps over his dying father in a cluttered Moscow apartment.

It's a big risk for an action tentpole, but one a filmmaker like Jon Favreau can make riding a wave of goodwill after the franchise's critically and commercially successful first chapter two years ago. Unfortunately, Favreau and company spend the next two hours squandering all that good will.

Not Rourke, though. As Whiplash, he's fantastic, a mostly silent supergenius with a revenge-obsessed one-track mind.

The problem is he isn't in the movie nearly enough. And his big showdown the film builds toward comes and goes far too quickly.

Another face that doesn't get nearly enough screen time is Iron Man himself. While Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) is the obvious heart of the story — and while more Downey screen time is rarely a bad thing — he's so rarely in the suit that the film's title feels like false advertising.

Also, the line between Robert Downey Jr. and Tony Stark is quickly disappearing. It doesn't help that his first two scenes in the film take place in front of an adoring audience, helpfully laughing at all his jokes so moviegoers know how charming he is.

Robert Downey Jr. reprises his superhero role in Iron Man 2.

But perhaps the film's primary problem is that it sidelines its main hero and villain, both Stark and Whiplash sequestered in their labs tinkering while supporting characters carry on without them. There's something very unexciting about watching men think real hard.

But among those supporting characters left to move the story without them, there are some enjoyable nods.

Sam Rockwell nearly steals the film from Downey as Stark's jealous competitor, while Scarlett Johansson proves a surprisingly good superhero as Black Widow.

Gwyneth Paltrow, on the other hand, has little to do besides look exasperated at Stark's erratic behaviour, and Don Cheadle looks more than a little embarrassed about taking over for Terrence Howard.

It's all set to an aggressive soundtrack full of AC/DC, the Clash, the Beastie Boys and others. The filmmakers seeming to be more interested in bragging about how much money they could spend on licensing fees than anything else.

• For Iron Man 2 trailer, screentimes and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies

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critics'corner

The Office
A suspicious Michael (Steve Carell) thinks his girlfriend, Donna (guest star Amy Pietz), is cheating on him and asks Dwight (Rainn Wilson) to investigate. Andy (Ed Helms) becomes frustrated when no one takes his customer's complaint seriously in the new episode "The Cover-Up." John Krasinski and Jenna Fischer also star. 6 PM on STR

Supernatural
Crowley (Mark Sheppard) offers to reveal Death's (Julian Richings) location in exchange for Bobby's (Jim Beaver) soul. Pestilence (guest star Matt Frewer) releases a deadly virus on Sam and Dean (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles) when they confront him, forcing Castiel (Misha Collins) to intervene. Dean parlays with Death to discuss Lucifer and makes an unholy alliance that may cost him dearly in the new episode "Two Minutes to Midnight." 6 PM on WPX

Seinfeld in Montreal

COMEDY Comedian Jerry Seinfeld will be returning to his standup comedy roots with two shows at Montreal's Place des arts in August.

Seinfeld, who is currently the producer of The Marriage Ref TV reality show, is best known for his 1989-1998 situation comedy Seinfeld, about the misadventures of a group of socially disfunctional friends in New York.

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In brief

MUSIC Carrie Underwood may have sold more albums than Kelly Clarkson, but the original American Idol winner is still the most successful, according to Billboard. Clarkson has sold 10.6 million albums, 15.9 million tracks and has had 4.2 million radio plays, according to Billboard.com, ranking her the top graduate from Idol.

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Top Chinese dishes honoured

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May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada, so when my friend Stephanie Yuen, chair of the judging panel for the recent Chinese Restaurant Awards, asked if I wanted to join her and a few other like-minded aficionados on a little dine-around to sample some of the winning dishes, I could not, in good conscience —and lusting palate — say no.

We started at Ken's Chinese Restaurant (1097 Kingsway), which won this year for its pink scallop dish, baked live in the half-shell, and doused in a light curry. Ken's also won this year in the Alaska King Crab/Lobster category, for their braised lobster with taro noodles, cooked in a clay pot. The noodles were plump and tied into little bundles, and mixed with chunks of ginger, steamed vegetables and broth.

Next stop was Shanghai Village (3250 Cambie St.), which won the Most Innovative Signature Dish award for their stir-fried fish noodles with enoki mushrooms. The noodles are actually made from fish, and are tossed with the mushrooms and red pepper for a delectable slurpy meal. We also had some of their aromatic soups, which didn't win any awards, surprisingly enough. These are brewed for several days in enormous clay pots, and change frequently. One day, it might be a tonic for the nerves, another day it'll pep up your love life.

Our last stop for the night was at Lin Chinese Cuisine (1537 West Broadway), where we tried their winning dish for Northern/Shanghai dim sum. The chicken fenpi salad was an amazing noodle dish of wide, clear, glossy yam noodles mixed with diced chicken and cucumber, and a luscious peanut sauce that you liberally spoon over your serving. Last year, Lin won in the same category for their xiao long bao — juicy dumplings. These are hand-rolled by Mrs. Lin herself — she makes about 1,200 daily — and you can watch her rolling away behind the glass partition and you bite into these steamed, broth-filled wonders. The restaurant also won this year for best Chinese dessert with their 8-treasure sweet rice, which was packed with — among other things — raisins, sugar, nuts, dates, dried cherries, and much sugar.

Our nine-course sampling that night barely broke the surface of what's out there for diners to explore, but hey, the restaurants aren't going anywhere.

For more information on the Chinese Restaurant Awards, visit chineserestaurantawards.com.

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Lobster and taro noodle clay pot at Ken's Chinese Restaurant

On the web

- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.
- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.

New releases

From the southern corner of the Golden Mile Bench comes a new — and old — little winery named Rustico Farm & Cellars. The old-vine grapes here were formerly used by other local wineries, but in 2007, proprietor Bruce Fuller took over and the estate winery was born. The 2008 Farmer's Daughter Gewürztraminer has a tart, citrusy palate, with a nose of lavender and roses. Available at Liberty Wine Merchants, Yaletown Liquor Store and other private wine stores for $17.95.

Global Peasant blog online

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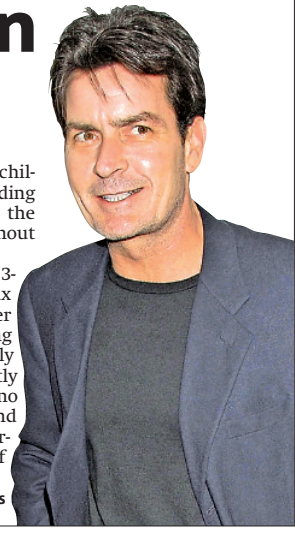
It seems Heidi Montag's 13 plastic surgeries weren't enough, after all — Spencer Pratt says his wife wants to enlarge her breasts again, the new issue of Life & Style reveals. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Sheen stepping down as dutiful daddy?



MAY AS WELL MAKE IT LEGAL Charlie Sheen has reportedly surrendered custody of his daughters, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Two and a Half Men actor signed a written agreement two weeks ago to give ex-wife Denise Richards full custody of six-year-old Sam and four-year-old Lola, to replace the shared arrangement they currently have.

Gossip website TMZ reports the actress wanted full legal custody due to her former spouse's current marital problems with wife Brooke Mueller, his struggle to stay sober and the criminal charges he is faced with following his arrest for allegedly attacking Brooke last Christmas Day.

Although Sheen willingly signed the documents, they have not been filed with the court yet.The agreement means Richards, 39, can now make medical, schooling and other important decisions regarding the children's welfare — including taking them out of the country — without Sheen's approval.

Sheen — who has 13-month-old twins Max and Bob with Mueller — is currently living away from his family but the couple recently stated they have no plans to divorce and want to save their marriage for the sake of Max and Bob.

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Here's one thing Ryan can commit to

TATTOOS — PAINFUL AND PERMANENT. OR YOU COULD JUST PUT HIS MOVIES ON REPEAT TO GET THE SAME EFFECT While he hasn't had the best luck in relationships, after his divorce from Reese Witherspoon and recent breakup with Abbie Cornish, Ryan Phillippe can at least find solace in tattoos.

"Tattoos are like a map to your life," the actor tells Inked magazine. "Permanence is bravery. So many things in our lives aren't permanent. Nothing lasts forever." METRO WORLD NEWS

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CelebTweets

JUSTIN BIEBER doesn't want people thinking he's stupid, **ELIZABETH BANKS** is getting superstitious, and **JEREMY PIVEN** knows he's been acting odd.

@justinbieber because I thought this interviewer in NZ said "Jewman" instead of "German" people think I dont know what German is?

@ElizabethBanks Spilled salt at lunch and just accidentally walked under a ladder (while texting). If I see black cat, then I'll know I'm really in for it.

@jeremypiven Ok for the record if u see me walking in circles and mumbling I'm just preparing so have mercy.

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GETTY IMAGES

Be excellent to each other

AND SO THEY WERE Charlize Theron has been spotted kissing Keanu Reeves, reports British website femalefirst.co.uk

The pair — who played lovers in 2001 movie Sweet November and also starred together in The Devil's Advocate — stunned onlookers with their intimate embrace as they left a Beverly Hills restaurant on Monday, before breaking apart when they realized they had been spotted.

A fellow diner at upscale eatery Bouchon revealed Theron, 34, and Reeves, 45, were enjoying each other's company and seemed in no hurry to end their date, tasting several red wines before selecting a bottle and indulging in several snacks before starting their meal.

"Keanu and Charlize were having a great time," the onlooker told website hollywoodlife.com.

"They were constantly laughing, almost disrupting other tables with how loud they were."

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They grow up so fast

LET'S JUST HOPE NOT AS FAST AS BRITNEY The online reaction to Miley Cyrus's new video Can't Be Tamed, well, can't be tamed, people.com reports.

Within hours since the sexy new video — in which the singer gives off an edgier vibe with racy dance moves and bold outfits — debuted, fans and bloggers lit up the Web with comments ranging from "stunning, gorgeous, fierce" to "wow way too much for someone her age."

"It is a sexy video, you can't take that away from it," Cyrus, 17, told E!'s Ryan Seacrest.

But "it's not the premise … The video is not about being sexy or about who can wear less clothes. That's what every other video about. It's about explaining the song and living the lyrics."

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Fond memories

WHEN LINDSAY COMMANDEERED A CAR TO CHASE SOMEONE DOWN *SIGH* After a night of partying with her mom, Lindsay Lohan finally made it to a deposition related to her 2007 DUI arrest, according to E! News. The court date was Lohan's last chance to appear, though she arrived at the courthouse 22 minutes late. Lohan is being sued by three passengers who claim she kidnapped them and hijacked their car to chase her former assistant's SUV.

"Lindsay sat through an absurdly long deposition, and answered every question truthfully and honestly," her lawyers says. "We are anxious to go to trial so that she will be vindicated once and for all."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Enjoying the finer things in life

LIKE EATING MUSH AND HALF-STARVING YOURSELF. FUN! Jennifer Aniston is the latest celebrity to take on trainer Tracy Anderson's baby food diet, according to Hollyscoop.

The cleanse consists of eating 14 small portions of pureed food a day, followed by a normal dinner.

"I developed a cleanse where you can still eat and it's a lot of puree foods," Anderson tells the website.

"I was very careful about the foods I chose to put in it."

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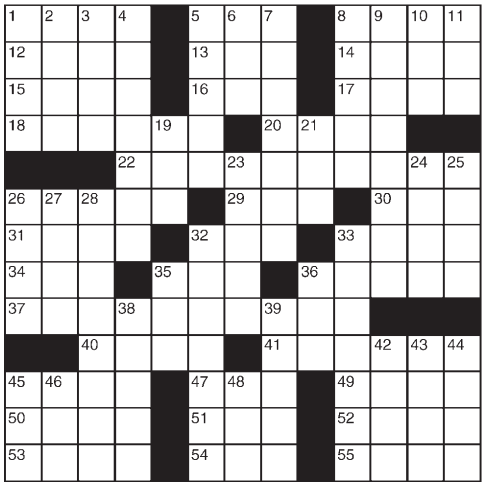

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24 Shade of green
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26 Get ready, briefly
27 Sitarist Shankar
28 Freedom of access
32 Jack-o'-lantern
33 Left over, as money
35 About to arrive
36 Raw rock
38 Has to have
39 Dada artist Max
42 State with conviction
43 Antitoxins
44 Helen's home
45 Sphere
46 Feathery neckpiece
48 Greek vowel

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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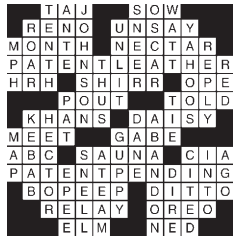
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Pecan Crusted Red Snapper

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:
2 tbsp olive oil, plus more for greasing pan
3/4 cup pecans, toasted
1 tsp rosemary, finely chopped
1/2 tsp kosher salt, plus more for vinaigrette
1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper, plus more for vinaigrette
1 tbsp dijon mustard
4 (5-6oz) skinless red snapper fillets

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Line a rimmed sheet pan with tin foil and lightly grease with olive oil. Set aside.
2. In a food processor, pulse nuts until ground. Transfer to a shallow bowl and toss with rosemary, salt and pepper and set aside.
3. In a small bowl, combine mustard and 1 tablespoon olive oil and stir until well blended. Place fish on a flat surface. Divide mustard mix evenly and spread over the top side of each fillet. Working with one fillet at a time, place fish, mustard-side down into the reserved pecan mixture and coat evenly. Transfer fillet to prepared pan, pecan side up, and continue with remaining fillets. Bake in oven until top is crispy and cooked through, about 8 to 10 minutes.

SERVES 4

• *Serve this recipe with Carrot Vinaigrette Salad and Sesame Roasted Potatoes with Cucumber Dip. Find the recipes at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.*

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Focus on your aims and ambitions today. You don't have to do anything specific but you must think deeply about what it is you hope to achieve.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You don't have to put other people's interests ahead of your own. You don't have to miss out on a good time just because friends are finding things tough.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If certain things are going out of your life it can only be because you no longer need them. Other, better things will soon be along to fill the gap.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If a decision you made recently turned out to be wrong there is still time to put things right again, but you've got to be quick.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You seem to be thinking about faraway places and how nice it would be to see what is beyond the horizon. By why just think? Why not do it?

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Go out of your way to thank someone who did you a favor recently. Your act of appreciation will make a big impression.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You never met a shop window you did not like and the temptation to splurge is strong today. Go on a spree if you must but leave something in reserve.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
By all means help a friend or work colleague get something done today but don't do everything for them. Give them the push they need.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Today there is a danger you will do too much for loved ones and not enough for yourself. It's okay, even desirable, to be selfish occasionally.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You will find it much easier to explain to partners and loved ones what it is that's been worrying you.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Others can criticize as much as they like but you must maintain an optimistic outlook. It's the positive people who make the world a better place.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
If you have got something arduous planned you are strongly advised to cancel it. You just won't have the energy to make a success of it.

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